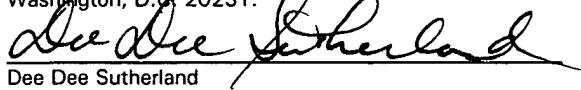


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Filed: 07/12/96 ) Examiner: R. Downs  
Title: TURING COMPLETE )  
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

This communication is in response to a notice of abandonment dated January 14, 2000, which set forth the reason for the holding of abandonment as applicant's failure to file formal drawings in this application. Applicants have yet to receive the notice of abandonment, since the notice was mailed to the former address of applicant's attorney/agent of record. Copies of a Notice of Change of Correspondence and Fee Address, as filed on June 11, 1999, and the return receipt post card evidencing the filing date, are enclosed herewith.

Applicants did in fact timely file formal drawings in this application on April 17, 1998, which was prior to the June 15, 1998 expiration of the period for paying the issue fee. On February 3, 1999, at the request of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office upon its inability to locate the formal drawings, we transmitted by letter to K. Spruill, a copy of the Submission of



Formal Drawings, as filed on April 17, 1998, including 44 sheets of formal drawings and a copy of the return receipt post card evidencing the April 17, 1998 filing date.

It is therefore submitted that applicant timely filed the formal drawings in this application, and the formal drawings were twice lost or misplaced by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, grounds for abandonment do not in fact exist.

Copies of the February 13, 1999 communication, including the enclosures, are being submitted herewith as proof that applicant timely filed the formal drawings in this application. It is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the application, having been allowed, should proceed to issuance.

Date: Mar. 2, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

  
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